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1. BELFAST IRISH NEWS (SERVING MINORITY PART COMMUNITY) JAN. 21 CARRIES ALMOST FULL PAGE OF PAID NOTICES IN SUPPORT IMPRISONED HUNGER STRIKERS FRANK STAGG AND GERRY MEALEY. UP TO NOW NOTICES HAVE BEEN MOSTLY FROM OTHER PRISONERS PRIMARILY IN THE MAZE/LONG KESH OR MAGILLIGAN OR FROM EXTREME REPUBLICAN GROUPS. UNRELATED FAMILIES OR RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS STREETS. SOME NOTICES ARE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF A WEST BELFAST TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION FOR TONIGHT ORGANIZED BY PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN.

2. BUILDUP REFLECTS NEWS REPORTS THAT CONDITION STAGG IS WORSENING AND THAT HE NOT EXPECTED SURVIVE. STAGG A CONVICTED PROVISIONAL IN WKEFIELD PRISON IN DEMANDING AMONG OTHER THINGS TRANSFER TO NORTHERN IRELAND. IT WIDELY BELIEVED HERE THAT UP TO TEN LOYALIST PRISONERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO NORTHERN IRELAND AFTER CONVENTION MEMBER GLENN BARR REFUSED TO TAKE SEAT UNLESS SOME LOYALISTS TRANSFERRED (REFTEL).

3. AT LEAST STAGG DEATH WILL CREATE ANOTHER MARTYR. AT MOST IT COULD BE PRETEXT FOR PROVIIONSAL IRA PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE
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END OF "CEASE FIRE" AND FORMAL BEGINNING OF ANOTHER ROUND OF

VIOLENCE.

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